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# News Letter

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January 16, 1976

## *Donald Martin Observatory to be dedicated*

The new Donald C. Martin Observatory at the Huntington Galleries will be dedicated in ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The facility, named for the late chairman of the Department of Physics and Physical Science at Marshall University, features an opening 10-foot commercial dome, a Celestron 14 telescope, plus a five-inch Celestron and four other guide-scopes.

The program, which is open to the public without cost will include films and a star gaze featuring a view of Eta Geminorum, a star 200 light years away from earth.

Dr. Wasley Krogdahl, professor of astronomy at the University of Kentucky, will be the featured speaker.

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Krogdahl also will appear in the Marshall University Science Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. today to discuss the "Creation of the Universe."

His campus appearance is sponsored by the Department of Physics and Physical Science and the local chapter of Sigma Xi, Research Society of North America.

The lecture also is open to the public at no charge.

According to Dr. Warren L. Dumke, associate professor of physics and physical science at Marshall and adviser to the Ohio Valley Astronomy Society, Krogdahl's presentation will include a color slide show.

## *Committee to begin screening for new vice president*

A seven-member committee next week will begin screening applications for the position of vice president for academic affairs at Marshall University.

Nearly 100 applications have been received for the position, according to Dr. A. Mervin Tyson, interim vice president for academic affairs and chairman of the search committee.

Named by President Robert B. Hayes to serve on the search committee, in addition to Tyson, were four faculty representatives and two student members. The faculty representatives are David Woodward of the College of Arts and Sciences, Thomas Bishop of the College of Business and Applied Science, Dorothy Hicks of the College of

Education, and Joan Adkins, chairman of the university's Academic Planning and Standards Committee. Student representatives are Pat Jones and Rose Marie Wilson.

The search for a new vice president was made necessary by the illness of Dr. William K. Easley, who was not able to resume his duties following major surgery last July. Dr. Tyson was appointed interim vice president in October. He announced at that time that he would not be a candidate for the position on a permanent basis.

The position has been advertised both nationally and on the campus. The university hopes to fill the position by no later than Aug. 15, Dr. Tyson said.

## **Dr. Clagg has new book on West Virginia**

West Virginia's history and heritage, from pre-Revolutionary times into the 1970s, are highlighted in a new book compiled and edited by Dr. Sam Clagg, chairman of the Marshall University Geography Department.

"West Virginia Historical Almanac," published by McClain Printing Co. of Parsons, W.Va., provides entries for each day of the year, ranging from Governor Alexander Spotswood's penetration of the wilderness to the region now known as Pendleton County (March 20, 1716) to the Point Pleasant Silver Bridge collapse (Dec. 15, 1967) and the Marshall airliner crash (Nov. 14, 1970).

Each entry is referenced as to source to enable those of serious interest to pursue topics in depth.

The reader with a casual interest quickly can tell what

happened in West Virginia on his birthday or any other date important to him.

There are more than 3,000 references in the publication, The Civil War is indexed 128 times, George Washington is entered 23 times and there are 97 entries under schools. Each county in the state is mentioned at least once, including the expedition of the 37th Ohio Infantry Regiment to stop a Confederate troop buildup in the area of present-day Cabell County, W.Va.

The book contains more than 300 line drawings and maps.

Dr. Clagg also is the author of Virginia Fact Bank, Virginia Conceptual Atlas, West Virginia Fact Book and Atlas, Ohio Atlas, West Virginia and Appalachian Social Studies Teachers Guide, the West Virginia section in the 15th edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica and many articles in professional journals.

The Advisory Council of Faculty of the West Virginia Board of Regents met on Dec. 11, 1975, and conducted the following items of business:

1. The Chancellor replied to the Council's inquiries regarding the Board's position relative to FTE funding, salary increases, and the reopening of faculty option for Policy Bulletin number 36.

Re FTE funding, the main points noted were these: the purpose of formula funding is to provide equity in the allocation of funds; in many cases the formula is not strictly applied but used as a floor with additional funding on an exceptional basis; in 1974-75 funding was at a level of \$2 million higher than that generated by the formula.

Re salary increases, the Board requested a 9 per cent increase on the base from the Legislature, and received 7 per cent. The increase across the country was 5 to 5½ per cent. The Board has worked diligently to raise salaries.

Re the final item, it is doubtful the Board would be willing to reopen the option of electing to go under Policy Bulletin number 36.

In response to a question related to collective bargaining for faculty, the Chancellor indicated that pressure for this appears to have subsided.

In response to a question related to program review, the Chancellor stated that the Board has no "blueprint" for program review.

2. The Board has deferred action on the Council's recent request for increases in travel allowances. It was noted that the Board would have to make such a request to the Governor if any change were to be effected. It was pointed out that approval of the request would add approximately \$160,000 to present current expense allocations.

3. Council members were reminded that the posting of student grades constitutes a violation of the "Privacy Act of 1974" (Public Law 93-579) and were asked to remind their faculties.

Frank Aldred  
Representative  
Advisory Council of Faculty

## Marshall faculty and staff achievements, activities...

KENNETH E. BLUE and STEPHEN G. NAYMICK, staff counselors with Marshall University Counseling Service, attended the third annual East Coast Training Seminar on Reality Therapy held at Augusta (Ga.) College, Dec. 11-12.

LOIS A. CRISTAL, staff counselor in the Student Development Center, served as program chairperson for a conference on the "Changing Roles of Women and Men: Counseling Implications," held at the University of Missouri, Dec. 7-8. She also presented two programs—"Historical Perspectives of Counseling Women" and "Sex Bias in Counseling."

BARBARA BROWN, assistant professor of English, reports she has completed all requirements for a Ph.D. degree in English at Ohio University. The degree is to be awarded at the close of the winter quarter in March.

DR. ROBERT RAUS, associate professor and head of the Recreation Division of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, delivered a banquet address Jan. 16 at the West Virginia State Penitentiary at Moundsville. His topic was "Lifetime Sports and You."

## Open chess tourney set

The Marshall University Chess Club will sponsor a "Winter Open" chess tournament Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17-18, in Memorial Student Center. Registration will be conducted Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. and first-round play will begin at 10 o'clock.

Dr. Neil Gibbins, faculty advisor to the chess club, said the entry fee is \$6 for those in the senior competition and \$4 for junior competitors. Membership in the United States Chess Federation is required and membership will be available to entrants.

Players from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky are expected to participate, Gibbins said. A first prize of \$50 will be awarded and the second prize will be \$25. Other prizes will be based upon the number of entrants.

## NEWCOMERS

Newcomers to the campus include:

ROBERT DANIEL BOLLING, technical supervisor in Closed Circuit Television; DANNY BOOTH, studio technician in Closed Circuit Television, and MRS. KAREN WILKS, secretary in Home Economics.

Welcome to Marshall!

## Need \$2,250? Apply for summer seminars

Marshall University faculty may apply by March 1 to attend summer seminars funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Seventy-eight seminars in as many different topics will be held in leading institutions across the country.

Stipends of \$2,250 are provided for the two-month study period.

Seminars fall into these broad categories: art history, classics, literature, general and comparative studies, modern languages, history, music, philosophy, religion, political science, anthropology and sociology, and linguistics.

To review topics, directors and locations, contact the Graduate School Office, Old Main 127.

## Sweater found in Smith Hall

A hand-knit green woman's sweater was found in the 8th floor faculty lounge of Smith Hall following the November meeting of faculty women.

Inquiries may be directed to Phyllis Cyrus, associate professor of finance and business law, at 696-3135.

## RUNYAN TELEPHONE LISTED INCORRECTLY

The telephone number for Dr. Charles S. Runyan is listed incorrectly in the retired faculty section of the Faculty-Staff Directory. Runyan's correct telephone number is 525-3535.

# MU faculty tied to 'American Issues Forum'

Marshall faculty members are playing prominent roles in the "American Issues Forum" being presented by WMUL-TV. Goal of the program nationally is an in-depth examination of the fundamental issues confronting Americans today.

To help stimulate the program locally, the Pea Ridge Woman's Club received a grant from the Committee for Humanities and Public Policy in West Virginia for a project entitled "Mountains and Hollows, People and Issues."

Under this project a series of 20 half-hour programs will be presented on WMUL-TV. They will follow the American Issues Forum national calendar topics but will be discussed from a local perspective.

The series started Jan. 11 on WMUL-TV with Dr. William Westbrook of the Marshall faculty moderating the topic, "The American Work Ethic." Among the panelists was Dr. O. Norman Simpkins, chairman of the Sociology and Anthropology Department.

The next program in the series is scheduled Sunday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. on WMUL-TV. Dr. Westbrook again will be the moderator. The subject is "Organization of the Labor Force" and Dr. William P. Sullivan of the English faculty will be among the panelists.

The Jan. 25 program will be "The Welfare State: Providing a Livelihood" and the Feb. 1 program will be "Enjoying the Fruits of Labor." Ruth McQuade of the Sociology faculty will

appear on one of the programs. The other panelists have not been confirmed.

WOWK-TV will follow up the first four programs on WMUL-TV with an "open mike" program Tuesday, Feb. 3, with the same panelists participating. In connection with the forum, a number of "living room dialogues" are being held throughout the community. Among the Marshall faculty and staff participants in these discussions are Dr. Richard Waite, Dr. Clayton L. McNearney and Dr. Clair Matz. The sessions are open to the public on a reservation basis.

For those who wish to enroll, the Community College of Marshall University is offering two hours of Community College credit for participation in the American Issues Forum. Details may be obtained from the Community College.

A brochure detailing the overall program is available from WMUL-TV.

## *Japanese, Mandarin anyone?*

There seems to be an interest among a few members of the Huntington area community for a course either in Japanese or Mandarin, or both, with Community College credit. Anyone interested in participating please call 525-5648 as soon as possible.